

Stowupland High School Bulletin

Friday 18th September 2026



From Mr Walker, Principal

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Year 11 - Special assemblies about future options

The second of these takes place on Monday 21st September. This week we will welcome speakers from the University Technical College in Norfolk.

Mobile phone pouches

The launch has gone very well this week. Thank you to all families for your support for this - the result is improved focus from our students on their learning and social interaction.

Year 11 Exam Success Evening

This will now take place on Monday 5th October from 6-8pm. This is a change from the originally published date of 7th October. Please accept our apologies for the change. We do hope that as many parents and carers of Year 11 will be able to attend, as this is a one-stop shop for exam success. Mrs Morley will be writing to parents with full details of the schedule; for now, please save the date.

Legally Blonde Jr - the Musical

We have had a brilliant response from students to this, with lots attending auditions. The dates of the production are February 10th -12th 2027.



Open Evening - early closure

Our Open Evening will be on Thursday 1st October, from 5-8pm. This year, the normal school day finishes at the end of Period 3 (12.50pm), and students will leave at that time. School transport will therefore run earlier, and all buses will pick up from 12.50. Please arrange for your child to be collected early if they are normally collected from school. We are arranging a packed lunch to be collected at break for students who would like this please sign up [HERE](#)

Learn Latin at Stowupland

Students at Stowupland are able to begin Latin lessons. These take place from Thursday 24th September in T2 from 3.50 until 4.40pm. Students will have their own text book, exercise book and dedicated tuition in the language. They will learn the ancient language, study the culture and history of the Romans and read Latin poetry and prose. A knowledge of Latin also helps students understand technical English vocabulary (and other modern languages) much better, and is great fun! There are still a few places available so sign your child up now!

Languages challenge

European Day of Languages is approaching - the date is September 26. To celebrate, the Modern Foreign Languages department is inviting students to create a video or audio recording up to 3 minutes long in any language, talking about a non-English native speaker celebrity they admire. Entries must be emailed to enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk by Wednesday, September 23, 2026, saved as "Your name, form, language and the celebrity name". There are merits, golden tickets, and prizes to be won, so please encourage your child to get creative and showcase their communication skills.



Extra Curricular Clubs and activities

We are offering a wide range of sporting clubs, catch-up sessions and opportunities for students to learn something new. Thanks to all parents who have already signed your child up on the Arbor App - there is still time to do this for this term. Simply scroll down on the app to find 'Activities' and then click on 'Clubs'

PE clubs and activities 2026 (Autumn term)

Lunchtime programme (12.50-1.30pm)
After school programme (3.45-4.45pm)

Monday LIT	Tuesday LIT	Wednesday LIT	Thursday LIT	Friday LIT
Fitness Suite (SBR)	Fitness Suite (SWA)	Fitness Suite (SBR)	Fitness Suite (HCO)	Fitness Suite (HCO)
KSS Girls' Football - S-Hall (SWA)	KSS4 Basketball - S-Hall (SWA)	KSS Netball - S-Hall (TWA)	Y7 Boys' Football - S-Hall (SBR)	KSS Boys' Football - S-Hall (SBR)
WKA Only HASC and BTEC Sport Intervention - G33 (TWA)	Fusion - Y7 & 8 Ambassadors - Dance Studio (NBR)	NBR Advanced Fusion (Y9-11) - Dance Studio (NBR)	Legally Blonde Dancers - Drama Studio (NBR)	WKA only HASC and BTEC Sport Intervention (AM33) (TWA)
				GCSE Dance Ambassadors Prep - Dance Studio (NBR)
	Tuesday A/S	Wednesday A/S		
	Football (SBR)	LEGALLY BLONDE Rehearsal (NBR)		
	Netball (SWA/NBR)	Fitness suite (IGA)		



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V Levels

From 2027, new V levels will be introduced to provide clarity to young people on their post-16 learning options.

These reforms will make sure that whatever a student's interests or strengths, whether academic, technical, or vocational, there's a clear, high-quality path for them.

These changes are part of wider reforms to create a clearer, more flexible post-16 system — helping young people combine academic and vocational study and preparing them for future jobs.

What are V levels?

Alongside A levels (the established academic route) and T Levels (the technical and occupational route that includes an industry placement), there will soon be a third option called V levels.

V levels will be new Level 3 qualifications that offer a vocational pathway for students who want to explore different sectors before deciding where to specialise.

This new pathway will replace the wide range of qualifications that are not A or T levels and enable students to study a range of areas.

Each V Level will be equivalent in size to one A level. This means students will be able to combine V Levels with A levels, creating a programme that reflects their interests and career ambitions.

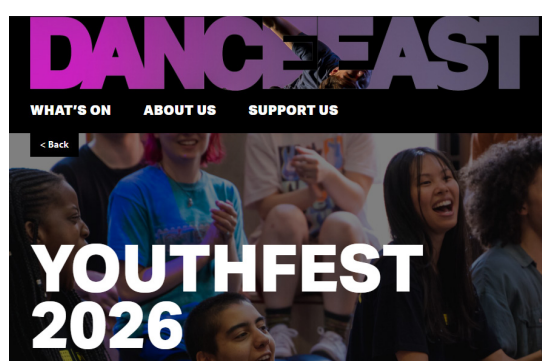
The first V Levels will be available from September 2027 in Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting. More subjects will follow over time.



YouthFest 2026

A free one-day festival celebrating dance, arts and all things creative is taking place on 17th October 11.00am-4.00pm at Dance East, Ipswich.

This event has been completely designed, organised and will also be run by 6 local young producers. It is aimed at for young people aged 16-25 and the day will consist of dance workshops, live performances, music and arts and crafts.



Netball trials

London Mavericks is looking for more U11, U13 and U15 netballers across Suffolk to join the programme.

